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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE ON US TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
TO INDIA, 1952-1973, WHICH I GAVE MRS. GANDHI JULY 17:

1. ON JUNE 30, 1973, THE AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM IN INDIA CAME TO AN END AFTER 21 YEARS OF ACTIVITY
IN AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, MANAGEMENT, HEALTH, FAMILY
PLANNING, TRADE-
UNIONISM AND OTHER FIELDS. IN THE HISTORY
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THERE CAN HAVE BEEN FEW RELATIONS
AS CLOSE OR AS FRUITFUL. AMONG THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS
PERIOD IN WHICH BOTH NATIONS MAY TAKE PRIDE ARE THE AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTING TO THE "GREEN REVOLUTION";
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 33 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
INCLUDING NINE MAJOR RESEARCH CENTERS IN AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY;
THEY TRAINING OF MANY THOUSANDS OF INDIAN CITIZENS; AND --NOT
LEAST -- THE NEAR-ERADICATION OF MALARIA IN INDIA.

2. THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST AID TECHNICIANS FROM INDIA MAKES
THE END OF AN ERA. THE U.S.A.I.D. MISSION TO INDIA NOW
CONSISTS OF ONLY NINE AMERICAN OFFICERS. THEIR PRINCIPAL
REMAINING TASK IS TO ADMINISTER THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM.

3. SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST TWO DECADES FOLLOW:

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4. AGRICULTURE THE LARGEST GROUP OF PROJECTS HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD
OF
AGRICULTURE. THIS SECTOR HAS ACCOUNTED FOR 1400 AMERICAN
"MAN YEARS" IN INDIA, AND FOR THE TRAINING OF 2400 INDIAN

SPECIALISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

AID HELPED TO ESTABLISH EIGHT AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES -- ANDHRA PRADESH, MADHYA PRADESH, MAHARASHTRA, MYSORE, ORISSA, PUNJAB, RAJASTHAN AND UTTAR PRADESH -- AND TO CONDUCT THE RESEARCH IN HIGH-YIELDING GRAINS, FERTILIZERS AND AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE GREEN REVOLUTION IN INDIA.

THE UNITED STATES ASSISTED WITH THE CREATION OF TWELVE RIVER VALLEY PROJECTS DESIGNED FOR FLOOD CONTROL, IRRIGATION AND HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES HELPED CONSTRUCT A DAM ON THE RIHAND RIVER IN UTTAR PRADESH, AND ASSISTED IN GROUND WATER EXPLORATION THROUGHOUT INDIA.

THE UNITED STATES ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LARGE FERTILIZER FACTORIES AT VISAKHAPATNAM, TROMBAY, MADRAS, GOA AND KANDLA-LALOL, AND WITH THE BEGINNING OF FIVE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

5. EDUCATION -- NEW HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED WITH AMERICAN ASSISTANCE INCLUDE THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AT KANPUR; FIVE ENGINEERING COLLEGES, NINE ENGINEERING EDUCATION INSTITUTES; FOURTEEN REGIONAL ENGINEERING COLLEGES, AND FOUR REGIONAL COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

TEACHER TRAINING HAS INCLUDED SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR SOME 31,000 SCIENCE TEACHERS, THE STRENGTHENING OF HOME SCIENCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE INSTRUCTION, AND THE TRAINING OF 3000 ADULT EDUCATION TEACHERS AT LITERACY HOUSE.

6. MANAGEMENT KA SOME 330 INDIANS HAVE STUDIED IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELDS OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND 763 MAN-YEARS OF AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO INDIA.

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THE UNITED STATES HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND NUMEROUS LOCAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCILS.

7. HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING -- THE REDUCTION OF MALARIA INCIDENCE IN INDIA WAS ONE OF HISTORY'S GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH SUCCESS STORIES. THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH IT THROUGH THE LENDING OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND THE PROVISION OF ESSENTIAL RESOURCES.

MEDICAL EDUCATION HAS ALSO BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN AMERICAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY INDIAN MEDICAL TEACHERS HAVE RECEIVED ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE UNITED

STATES UNDER AID AUSPICES. THE AL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND SEVEN MEDICAL COLLEGES -- BARODA, CUTTACK, HYDERABAD, INDORE, JAIPUR, MYSORE AND TRIVANDRUM -- HAVE ALL HAD AMERICAN ASSISTANCE. NURSING EDUCATORS HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED TO THE NURSING COLLEGES AT HYDERABAD, INDORE AND JAIPUR.

OTHER ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SUCH AS WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION, AND THE STUDY AND PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, HAVE MADE USE OF AMERICAN TECHNICIANS, AS HAVE A RANGE OF PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF NUTRITION AND CHILD HEALTH.

IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY PLANNING, U.S.A.I.D. HAS COOPERATED WITH PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO LAUNCH THE WORLD'S LARGEST FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

8. TRADE UNIONISM -- MORE THAN 250 INDIAN LABOR LEADERS, TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS HAVE RECEIVED ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES, AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS HAVE WORKED IN INDIA. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS ASSISTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEVEN CENTRAL TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR INSTRUCTORS, AND SOME 357 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR SKILLED WORKERS, AS WELL AS VARIOUS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.

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